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SUBJ CANADA'S PORPOSALS TO SEPTEMBER ICNAF MEETING IN MONTREAL

1. AT INVITATION OF EXTAF, I ATTENDED A GOC BRIEFING OF ICNAF MEMBER COUNTRY AMBASSADORS YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) ON CANADA'S PROPOSALS FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING IN MONTREAL. THE BRIEFING WAS CHAIRED BY EXTAF MINISTER MACEACHEN; FISHERIES MINISTER LEBLANC AND CANADA'S PERMANENT ICNAF REPRESENTATIVE DR. NEEDLER ALSO PARTICIPATED. A SUMMARY OF THE BRIEFING FOLLOWS BELOW.

2. MINISTER MACEACHEN LED OFF THE MEETING BY RECALLING THAT CANADA HAD PUT FORTH A NUMBER OF "ESSENTIAL" PROPOSALS AT THE JUNE MEETING IN EDINBURGH TO MAINTAIN AND RESTORE BADLY DEPLETED FISH STOCKS, THE PURPOSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEING TO REDUCE FISHING EFFORTS. UNFORTUNATELY, HE

SAID, MANY ICNAF COUNTRIES FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THOSE PROPOSALS. HE CHARACTERIZED THE UPCOMING MONTREAL MEETING, CALLED AT THE REQUEST OF CANADA, AS A TURNING POINT: THE FUTURE ROLE OF ICNAF AND INDEED OF FISH RESOURCES THEMSELVES ARE BOTH AT STAKE. CANADA, HE CONTINUED, IS DETERMINED TO SEE THAT STOCKS ARE PROTECTED AND IS PLEASED THAT A LOS CONSENSUS IS EMERGING THAT COASTAL STATES SHOULD HAVE EXTENDED JURISDICTION OVER SUCH RESOURCES. CANADA, HE EMPHASIZED, MUCH PREFERS THIS COURSE OF ACTION AND INTENDS TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR DISTANT-WATER FISHING COUNTRIES BUT SUCH COUNTRIES MUST COOPERATE NOW IF THEY WISH TO HAVE CONSIDERATION IN THE FUTURE. HE SAID CANADA WILL ASK AT MONTREAL FOR A "NEW SENSE OF COOPERATION" WHICH MUST BE IMMEDIATELY FORTHCOMING TO MEET CANADA'S SENSE OF URGENCY REGARDING MATTERS OF "CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE" TO ITS FISHERIES INDUSTRY.

3. MINISTER LEBLANC ECHOED MINISTER MACEACHEN'S VIEWS AS TO THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION FACING EASTERN CANADIAN FISHING INTERESTS. HE SAID STRINGENT MEASURES ARE NECESSARY IN THE FACE OF ICNAF'S ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE TO HALT THE DECLINE IN THIS IMPORTANT RESOURCE. HE EXPRESSED GRAVE DOUBTS ABOUT FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS AREA IF ICNAF FAILS TO REVERSE ITS POSTURE OF INADEQUACY AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE FLAT STATEMENT THAT GIVEN THE DEPTH OF FEELINGS ABOUT FISHERIES IN EASTERN CANADA IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO SELL ANY COMPROMISES ON THE ISSUES.

4. DR. NEEDLER ALSO SPOKE OF THE INADEQUACIES OF ICNAF MEMBERS IN CONTROLLING THEIR FISHING EFFORTS AND IN KEEPING AND PROVIDING THE NECESSARY STATISTICAL DATA. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, DR. NEEDLER CONFIRMED THAT CANADA'S CURRENT PROPOSALS ARE IDENTICAL TO THOSE PRESENTED IN EDINBURGH, EXCEPT FOR SOME MINOR MODIFICATIONS INTENDED TO MAKE THE PROPOSALS LESS COMPLICATED.

5. IN RESPONSE TO THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WHO INQUIRED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE 200-MILE LIMIT, MINISTER MACEACHEN RESPONDED THAT THE GOC IS COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF EXTENDED JURISDICTION FOR COASTAL STATES. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN SUCH A PRINCIPLE MIGHT BECOME OPERATIONAL INTERNATIONALLY, CANADA COULD NOT REPEAT NOT WAIT FIVE YEARS, FOR EXAMPLE. HE NOTED THAT UNILATERAL ACTION BY CANADA REMAINED AN UNEXERCISED OPTION, BUT THAT THE GOC PREFERRED A MULTILATERAL SOLUTION.

HOWEVER, EVEN IF DRIVEN TO UNILATERAL ACTION, CANADA WOULD NEVERTHELESS ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE IT EITHER MULTILATERALLY OR BILATERALLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT DICTATE.

6. I EXPRESSED THE VIEW TO THE ASSEMBLED GROUP THAT THE U.S. WAS VERY MUCH IN TUNE WITH CANADA'S ICNAF APPROACH, NOTING THAT THE U.S. HAS A VERY LARGE STAKE IN THE OUTCOME OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. I EMPHASIZED THE HOPE OUR CONCERNS COULD BE SETTLED IN ICNAF BUT WARNED THAT, IF NOT, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED THROUGH SOME OTHER MECHANISM.

7. NOTE: SHORTLY BEFORE THIS MORNING'S MEETING, EXTAFF INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD DISTRIBUTE AIDE MEMOIRES ON CANADA'S ICNAF PROPOSALS TO ALL MEMBERS EXCEPT THE U.S. IN VIEW OF OUR MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS AND CONSIDERING THAT OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICIALS WOULD BE MEETING BILATERALLY IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE AIDE MEMOIRE WAS ALSO DISTRIBUTED IN ICNAF CAPITALS BY CANADIAN MISSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 2.
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